

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A boot band comprising :

a band body that ~~is-wound~~ rolls up for clamping on a member as a ring around a member to be clamped, in such a way that an outer-layer portion of said band body overlaps an inner-layer portion of said band body,

an engagement hole formed in the outer-layer portion of said band,

an engagement pawl formed in the inner-layer portion of said band body and that engages with said engagement hole so as to maintain said band body in a clamped condition,

a first boot-band pawl formed on a top end ~~at-and-the-end-of~~ the outer-layer portion of the band,

a planar end formed in said outer-layer portion of said band body, and is located nearer to said top end of said outer-layer portion than the first boot-band pawl is,

a second boot-band pawl formed in the inner-layer portion of said band body, has an opening into which said top end can be inserted, and a pressing part that presses, and from the outside, the end that is inserted into said opening, and clamps said band body together with said first boot-band pawl, and

a slit formed between said first boot-band pawl and said engagement hole in said outer-layer portion of said band body.

2. (Currently amended) A boot band, for clamping on a member comprising :

a band body that ~~is-wound~~ rolls up as a ring around the member to be clamped, in such a way that ~~the-~~ a band body's outer-layer portion overlaps ~~the-~~ an inner-layer portion of the band body,

an engagement hole formed in said outer-layer portion of said band body,

an engagement pawl formed in said inner-layer portion of said band body and that

engages with said engagement hole so as to maintain said band body in a clamped condition,

a first boot-band pawl formed on a top end at-and-the-end-of the outer-layer portion of said band body,

a planar end formed in said outer-layer portion of said band body, and is located nearer to the top end of the outer-layer portion than the first boot-band pawl is,

a second boot-band pawl formed in said inner-layer portion of said band body, has an opening into which said top end can be inserted, and a pressing part that presses, from the outside the end that is inserted into said opening, and clamps said band body together with the first boot-band pawl,

a slit formed between said first boot-band pawl and the engagement hole in the outer-layer portion of the band, and

a temporary-tacking pawl formed on said inner-layer portion of said band body, and is inserted into and engaged with said slit, so that said band body is made to be in a temporary-tacking condition in a ring-like form.

3. (Currently amended) A boot band, for clamping on a member comprising :

a band body that is-wound rolls up as a ring around the member to be clamped, in such a way that the-a band body's outer-layer portion overlaps the-an inner-layer portion of the band body,

an engagement hole formed in said outer-layer portion of said band body,

an engagement pawl formed in said inner-layer portion of said band body and that engages with said engagement hole so as to maintain said band body in a clamped condition,

a first boot-band pawl formed on a top end at-and-the-end-of the outer-layer portion of said band body,

a planar end formed in said outer-layer portion of said band body, and is located nearer to the top end of the outer-layer portion than the first boot-band pawl is,

a second boot-band pawl formed in said inner-layer portion of said band body, has an opening into which said top end can be inserted, and a pressing part that presses, from the outside the end that is inserted into said opening, and clamps said band body together with the first boot-band pawl,

a reinforcing part formed between said second boot-band pawl and the engagement pawl.

4. (Previously presented) The boot band as set forth in claim 3, and wherein said reinforcing part is a rib that is formed between the second boot-band pawl and said engagement pawl, in the circumferential direction.

5. (Currently amended) The boot band as described in claim 1, wherein an enlarged portion that is on ~~the-a~~ side of the engagement hole, which has a shape that corresponds to that of ~~the-a~~ rear face of the engagement pawl, and that is enlarged outward in the radial direction, is formed on ~~the-an~~ end face at ~~the-a~~ rear of said engagement hole.

6. (Currently amended) The boot band as described in claim 1, wherein an enlarged portion that is on ~~the-a~~ side of the slit, has a shape that corresponds to that of ~~the-a~~ back face of the engagement pawl, is enlarged outward in the radial direction is formed on ~~the-an~~ end face at ~~the-a~~ rear of said slit.

7. (Currently amended) The boot band as described in claim 1, wherein ~~the-an~~ end-section top portion of said outer-layer portion is curved inward in the radial direction and has a curvature larger than that of ~~the-a~~ ring-diameter of the band body.

8. (Currently amended) The boot band as described in claim 2, wherein an enlarged portion that is on ~~the-a~~ side of the engagement hole, which has a shape that corresponds to that of ~~the-a~~ rear face of the engagement pawl, and that is enlarged outward in the radial direction, is formed on ~~the-an~~ end face at ~~the-a~~ rear of said engagement hole.

9. (Currently amended) The boot band as described in claim 3, wherein an enlarged portion that is on ~~the-a~~ side of the engagement hole, which has a shape that corresponds to that of ~~the-a~~ rear face of the engagement pawl, and that is enlarged outward in the radial direction, is formed on ~~the-an~~ end face at ~~the-a~~ rear of said engagement hole.

10. (Currently amended) The boot band as described in claim 2, wherein an enlarged portion that is on ~~the-a~~ side of the slit, has a shape that corresponds to that of ~~the-a~~ back face of the engagement pawl, is enlarged outward in the radial direction is formed on ~~the-an~~ end face at ~~the-a~~ rear of said slit.

11. (Currently amended) The boot band as described in claim 2, wherein ~~the-an~~ end-section top portion of said outer-layer portion is curved inward in the radial direction and has a curvature larger than that of ~~the-a~~ ring-diameter of the band body.

12. (Currently amended) The boot band as described in claim 3, wherein ~~the-an~~ end-section top portion of said outer-layer portion is curved inward in the radial direction and has a curvature larger than that of ~~the-a~~ ring-diameter of the band body.

13. (Currently amended) The boot band of claim 5, wherein said enlarged portion is formed on ~~the-an~~ end face in the clamping direction of said engagement hole.

14. (Currently amended) The boot band of claim 6, wherein said enlarged portion is formed on ~~the-an~~ end face in the clamping direction of said engagement hole.

15. (Currently amended) The boot band of claim 8, wherein said enlarged portion is formed on ~~the-an~~ end face in the clamping direction of said engagement hole.

16. (Currently amended) The boot band of claim 9, wherein said enlarged portion is formed on ~~the-an~~ end face in the clamping direction of said engagement hole.